TOWN OF NANTUCKET BOARD OF HEALTH REGULATIONS: INSPECTION AND UPGRADING OF SUBSTANDARD ONSITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS WITHIN THE HUMMOCK POND WATERSHED PROTECTION DISTRICT

LOCAL REGULATION - 55.00

55.00 Inspection and upgrading of onsite sewage disposal systems

A. Purpose.

Whereas ongoing research by the Town of Nantucket in co-operation with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection has documented increasing levels of nutrient loading in the Hummock Pond watershed system, these Regulations are promulgated to further limit said nutrients and other sources of contamination loading, and to protect and enhance the quality of groundwater flowing into and affecting the waters of Hummock Pond.

B. Authority.

These Regulations are adopted by the Town of Nantucket's Board of Health as authorized by Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 111, Section 31.

55.01 Definition.

A. Hummock Pond Watershed Protection District
The area constituting the watershed for Hummock Pond as delineated
on a map entitled Hummock Pond Watershed, Nantucket GIS, dated
July 1, 2010.

55.02 Compliance Requirements.

A. Properties utilizing in-ground soil absorption systems located within Zone A of the Hummock Pond Watershed protection District as established by these Regulations, and as demonstrated on a map titled Hummock Pond Watershed Protection District, as established by

these regulations, shall have the existing soil absorption system(s) inspected by a Massachusetts licensed system inspector within 24 months of promulgation of these Regulations. Said Inspection Report shall be recorded with the Nantucket Health Department within 21 days of the completed inspection.

B. Properties utilizing in-ground soil absorption systems located within Zone B of the Hummock Pond Watershed Protection District as established by these regulations and as demonstrated on a map entitled Hummock Pond Watershed Protection District shall have their existing soil absorption systems inspected by a Massachusetts licensed system inspector within 48 months of promulgation of these regulations. Said Inspection Report shall be recorded with the Nantucket Health department within 21 days of the completed inspection.

55.03 <u>Inspections.</u>

- A. All systems shall be inspected to determine the presence and/or absence of hydraulic failure and depth to groundwater. Depth to ground water shall be determined by direct observation of highest ground water elevation (including seasonal perched and tidally influenced ground water) in a test pit excavation, unless an alternative method for accurately determining the depth to groundwater has been approved in writing by the Health Director.
- B. The Health Director may, based on unique development conditions or due to the proximity of multiple systems within a limited geographic area, substitute a pre-approved ground water monitoring protocol for test pit excavation.

This monitoring protocol shall require as a minimum;

- data collected over a 12 month period
- a minimum of three wells off set to define ground water flow direction as well as depth

55.04 Repairs to failed systems.

A. The owner of a system meeting hydraulic failure criteria pursuant to these Regulations as stated on the Town of Nantucket Board of

Health Septic System Inspection Report/Certificate of Compliance Form shall bring the system into compliance with all applicable state and local regulations within 60 days of the date of inspection.

B. The owner of a system meeting failure criteria, exclusive of hydraulic failure, pursuant to these Regulations as stated on the Town of Nantucket Board of Health Septic system Inspection Report/Certification of Compliance Form shall being the system into compliance with all state and local regulations within 18 months of the adoption of the Assessment Report required in 55.05 and/or within 30 months of the expiration date of Zone A and B inspections.

55.05 <u>Inspection evaluation period.</u>

- A. Within three months of the inspection expiration date of Zones A and B, the Health Department shall tabulate and publish the inspection results.
- B. Within six months of the inspections expiration date of Zones A and B, the Health Department shall provide a preliminary assessment report to the Board of Health. This report shall include a brief evaluation of treatment options to effectuate implementation of best available engineering design for all required repairs/upgrades.
- C. No later than six months following the expiration date of Zone B inspections, the Board of Health shall adopt the Hummock Pond Watershed Protection Area Assessment Report, including recommendations.

55.06 Exemptions.

- A. Properties whose on site sewage disposal design is documented to be based on test pit and percolation testing observed by the Board of Health after June 1st 2008.
- B. Properties which have been inspected and have both a Town of Nantucket Board of Health Septic System Inspection Report and a Certificate of Compliance Form filed with the Nantucket Health Department and dated within 24 months prior to promulgation of

these Regulations are exempt from inspection and compliance standards as set forth in these Regulations.

55.07 Enforcement.

- A. Enforcement of these Local Regulations shall be effected through Town of Nantucket Board of Health Local Regulations 67.00 Miscellaneous Provisions.
- B. These Regulations and any amendments thereto shall become effective upon the date of publication.

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